

Embroidery stabilizer	Area of application	Fabric/ Application
Cut-Away Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential for stretch fabrics • Can be used for non-stretch fabrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jersey, sweat, knit, stretch fleece • Applique with a high stitch density
Tear-Away Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-stretch fabrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans, cotton, linen, felt, wool, silk • Applique with a low stitch count
No-Show Mesh Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessen or prevent show-through • Soft on the skin • Stretch and non-stretch fabrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knit, jersey, cashmere, wool crepe, silk, satin, silky polyesters, rayon, voile, stretch denim and corduroy, terry cloth, sweatshirt fleece and microfiber
Wash-Away Stabilizer (For light stitch density)	Washable fabrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects where no stabilizer residue should be visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organza, tulle, chiffon, terry cloth • Free standing embroidery designs
Water Soluble Topping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabrics with a texture or coarse surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry, fleece, plush, chunky knits, corduroy, boiled wool
Adhesive Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabrics or projects that cannot be hooped 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leather, artificial leather, cork, velvet, velour, neoprene, fur, corduroy. • Collars corners, pockets, cuffs
Iron-On Stabilizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabrics that can be ironed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applique, patches

General Rules

- Use cut-away for stretchy/knit fabrics.
- Use tear-away for stable, woven fabrics.
- For light colored or thin fabrics needing cut-away, use no-show mesh.
- Fabrics with texture on the top need topping.
- For light and sheer fabrics, use wash-away.

Most stabilizers come in black or white and fusible or non-fusible options. Cut-away and tear-away stabilizers also come in different weights: light, medium and heavy. The higher the density of the design, the heavier stabilizer is needed.